

I am writing to offer my comments against the imposition of a national standard for telemarketers and other sales people to contact individuals by telephone. My state (Indiana) recently enacted restrictions which have provided a most welcome relief from harassment at all hours of the day and evening. I understand that the proposed national standard would supersede state statutes and regulations, even if the state statutes or regulations are more restrictive than the proposed federal action.

I in no way oppose a federally-enacted standard, so long as it does not supersede more stringent state standards, such as those in place in Indiana. Something which Americans have been telling our elected officials (and what I believe was one of the resounding messages of this month's elections) is that we want more local and state control over our lives. Imposition of a national standard for telemarketers and telephone sales people runs totally contrary to that.

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